

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention provides a method of forming a drug eluting stent, the method comprising coupling a stent framework to a mandrel, inserting the
5 mandrel with stent framework into an open die, the die including a forming surface including a plurality of raised indentation forming portions; closing the die against the stent framework; pressing the raised indentation portions into the stent framework to form indentions in the stent framework; and inserting at least one drug polymer into the indentions formed in the stent framework.

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